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The Honorable Jack Eckerd
 Administrator
 General Services Administration
 Washington, D. C. 20405

Dear Mr. Eckerd:

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We note that your studies are being undertaken as part of the Presidential Management Initiatives effort being conducted by the Office of Management and Budget. The Agency is entirely in sympathy with that effort and cooperating fully via classified reports to OMB on all aspects of the program, including the specific items covered by your letters. We have an extensive program for controlling reproduction equipment costs and have described it in detail. We believe, and OMB agrees, that the question of mail costs is of minimal concern in our case. In accordance with existing understandings between our two agencies, which stem from the classified nature of CIA's business and the fact that CIA cannot provide responses that are both unclassified and meaningful, we will continue reporting directly to OMB on these matters.

Sincerely,

/s/ E. H. Knoche

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 Deputy Director

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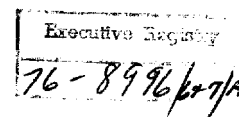
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